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CLAIMS:

1. Apparatus for transporting fluent cargo through
5 liquid comprising one or more units arranged substantially in
linear alignment, wherein at least one said unit comprises two
or more flexible containers close coupled side by side.
2. Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein in use,
10 adjacent facing sides of respective containers of said at
least one unit are substantially parallel along at least part
of their length.
3. Apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein no two
15 consecutive linearly aligned units comprise a single flexible
container.
4. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein
each container has angled, front and rear end sections.
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5. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein
each container is parallel sided.
6. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein
25 the container is diamond-shaped or hexagonal.
7. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein
the containers are connected at their broadest extent.
8. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein
30 the apparatus comprises alternating sequential units of one
and two containers.
9. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein
35 the apparatus comprises three units of one container and two
units of two containers.

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10. Apparatus substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

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FIG. 1

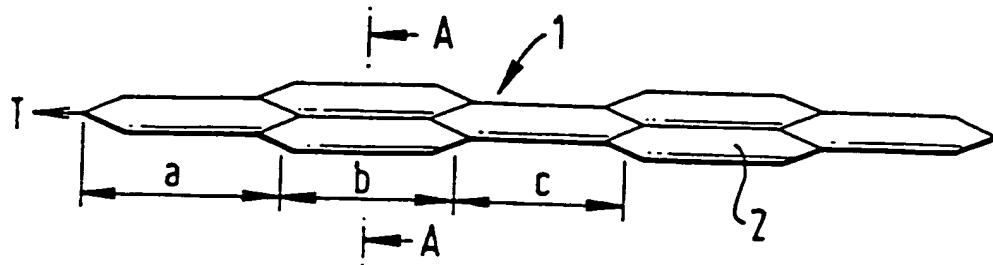


FIG. 2

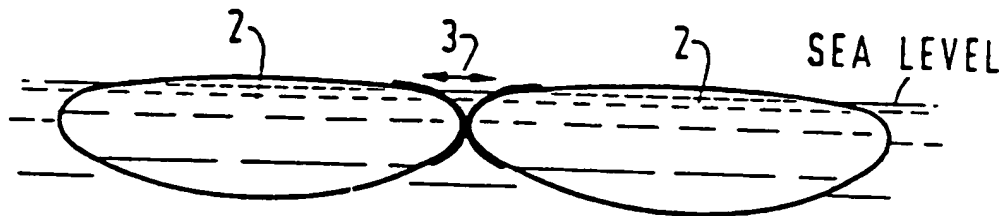


FIG. 3

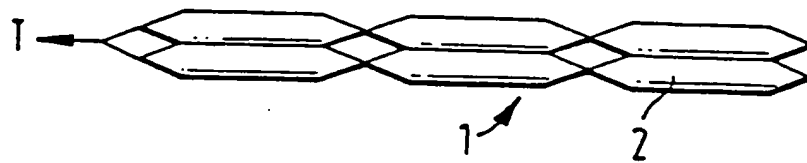


FIG. 4

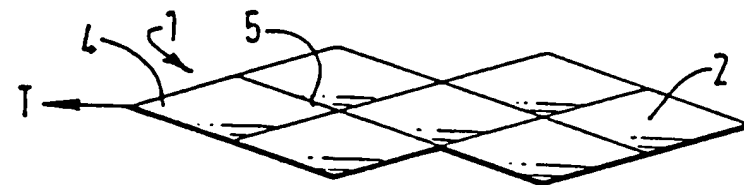


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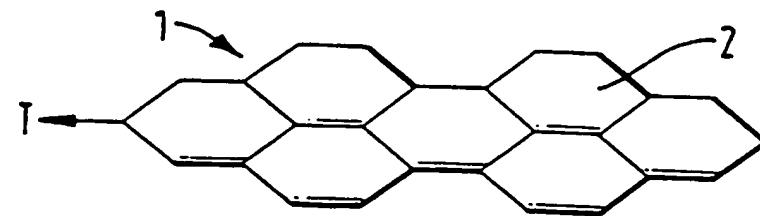
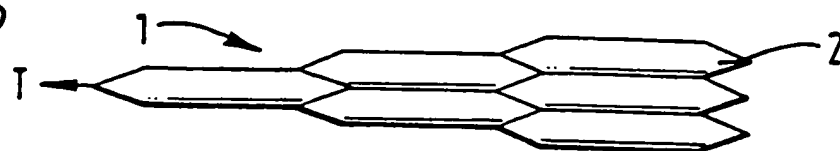


FIG. 6



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